

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered By Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV. On 28th March 1997

And it is by the mercy of Allah that thou art gentle towards them, for if thou hadst been rough or hard-hearted they would surely have dispersed from around thee. So bear with them and ask forgiveness for them and consult them in matters of importance; and when thou has decided on a course of action put thy trust in Allah. Surely Allah loves those who trust Him.

If Allah help you none shall prevail against you; but if He forsake you then who is there that can help you beside Him? In Allah then let the believers trust.

The Holy Quran. Al Imran [Family of Imran]: 160, 161.

The Majlis e Shura of Pakistan begins today which will last for 3 days and they wanted me to formally inaugurate the Shura through this address. The system of Shura has spread out to various countries; it is no longer possible for me to participate in every single Majlis e Shura in the way I am participating today. The exclusive priority that the Majlis e Shura of Pakistan has is the bounty of Allah about which nobody can find a cause for complain. Every country in which the Majlis e Shura takes place during the course of the year should consider this as an address to them. It would contain advice for all those Majalis e Shuras which would take place during the year. The address to the Majalis e Shura is guidance for ever and does not concern any particular year.

'And it is by the mercy of Allah that thou art gentle towards them, for if thou hadst been rough or hard-hearted they would surely have dispersed from around thee' gives the impression that *they converge around you because you are tender and it is important to be tender to keep them together*, this is a wrong impression. The subject addressed is that among those who encircle you are those who are ugly but because you are a Mercy for the Universe you are a mercy for all and sundry and this is a position which does not entail that you are tender because of something you require of them or for any plan of action. To draw the conclusion that the tenderness is due to any plan of action is wrong because the subject ends in trust in God and *you trust Allah so you have no need to bow or be tender towards anyone*. So the reason for the tenderness is his favour and not any plan of action. What need has anyone to rely on any other when God is his succour? This contains advise for those who are not at the level of Muhammad the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. If you follow the Mercy for the Universe then you would have to show examples of mercy and remember that if people can desert Muhammad the Messenger of Allah then what are you? So learn the morals of Muhammad the Messenger of Allah, trust in God. Follow the example of Muhammad the Messenger of Allah and you would automatically become attractive.

Shura concerns centrality. This subject points to these attributes in order to grant eternity to the advantages connected with Shura. Morals are not born out of conern. If you serve someone with the intention of taking advantage or to subdue them then the Quran declares all such things to be worthless and rejects them. Attend to those morals that attract the hearts on a daily basis regardless of whether you have been invited to the Majalis e Shura or not. This is the fundamental message which the fortunate ones participating in the Majlis e Shura should always remember. The Community is in need of people of such high moral standards who have a soft spot for humanity in every situation. If this is not in your nature then try to make it so. The mercy of Allah can soften every hard-hearted person. Morals do not come

from merely admonishing. If the immoral and the discourteous have no element of humility before God then they can never be reformed.

Never relate the reformation of people's morals to attracting them towards yourself. The reformation of morals comes only in relation to Allah because Allah does not like the immoral. No person devoid of morality can reach any degree of spirituality.

There are some other religious requirements alongside the reformation of morals and the foremost of these requirements is awareness of God. The works of God are to go on regardless but it is a favour of God to those who are able to assist in them.

The Majlis e Shura of Pakistan is not just a single Majlis e Shura from which the Caliph of the time benefits because the system of consultation continues daily but the formal sessions of Majlis e Shura cannot take place all the time.

As a result of the blessing of the Caliphate the temperament of the Ahmadiyya Community is becoming the same the world over despite the difference in people and their nations. It is the singular Ahmadi temperament that is blending into the awareness of God, blending into unity, there is a unanimity being born in it. God has granted us the new means that have been created in order to create this unanimity through MTA. Allah the Almighty shall provide for all the future needs of the Ahmadiyya Community through His blessing. When we reach this level of certitude we can comprehend the subject of trust in Allah. 'Surely Allah loves those who trust Him' reveals that God those who trust in Him to be numerous and God gives every one of them the good news that *If you trust Him then God will love you back.*

In the end I pray for the members of the Majlis e Shura of Pakistan and advise them to keep this subject of trust in God in view and pray for then God would remove all hindrances and He who unites us while we sit far apart would also join us by bringing us together. So you should guard your morals. Not temporarily for a specific purpose but for good by bringing your morals in accord with the morals of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Then see how Almighty God lifts and takes your burdens upon Himself because of your trust in Him.